

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A moving-picture data reproducing system for reproducing compressed moving-picture data including I-pictures, P-pictures and B-pictures, said reproducing system comprising:

a toll judgement section for judging whether or not the compressed moving picture data includes toll information;

a qualification judgement section for judging whether a user is qualified or unqualified for reproduction of the compressed picture data; and

a decoder for decoding the I-pictures, P-pictures and B-pictures if it is judged that the compressed picture data do not include toll information or it is judged that the user is qualified, said decoder decoding I-pictures or I- and P-pictures without decoding the B- and P-pictures or without decoding the B-pictures if it is judged that the compressed data includes the toll information and that the user is unqualified.

2. The moving-picture data reproducing system as defined in claim 1, wherein the toll information is electronic watermark data distributed in the compressed picture data.

3. The moving-picture data reproducing system as defined in claim 1, wherein said decoder comprises a reduction judgment section for generating a reduction picture signal based on results

of judgement by said toll judgement section and said qualification judgement section.

4. The moving-picture data reproducing system as defined in claim 3, wherein said decoder comprises a picture type judgement section for judging whether the picture in the compressed moving-picture data is an I-, P- or B-picture, said decoder delivering preceding I-pictures instead of decoding B- and P-pictures upon generation of said reduction picture signal.

5. The moving-picture data reproducing system as defined in claim 3, wherein said decoder comprises a picture type judgement section for judging whether the picture in the compressed moving-picture data is an I-, P- or B-picture, said decoder delivering preceding I- or P-pictures instead of decoding B-pictures upon generation of said reduction picture signal.

6. A method for reproducing compressed moving-picture data including I-pictures, P-pictures and B-pictures, said method comprising the steps of:

judging whether or not the compressed moving-picture data includes toll information;

judging whether a user is qualified or unqualified for reproduction of the compressed moving-picture data; and

decoding the I-pictures, P-pictures and B-pictures, if it is

judged that the compressed moving-picture data do not include toll information or it is judged that the user is qualified, and decoding the I-pictures or the I- and P-pictures if it is judged that the compressed data includes the toll information and that the user is unqualified.

7. The method as defined in claim 6, wherein said decoding step comprises the steps of judging whether the picture in the compressed moving-picture data is an I-, P- or B-picture, and delivering preceding I-pictures instead of decoding B- and P-pictures, depending on results of judgements by said judgement steps.

8. The method as defined in claim 6, wherein said decoding step comprises the steps of judging whether the picture in the compressed moving-picture data is an I-, P- or B-picture, and delivering preceding I- or P-pictures instead of decoding B-pictures, depending on results of judgements by said judgement steps.